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Some OFFICERS of the Army
at WHITEHALL,

To the Chief OFFICERS of the several
Regiments in *Scotland*,

With a Copie of their AGREEMENT;

Together with a

LETTER

FROM THE

Officers of the Army in *Scotland*
in Answer thereunto.



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FROM
Some OFFICERS of the Army

To the Chief Officers of the several
Regiments in Scotland,
With a Copy of their Remonstrance;

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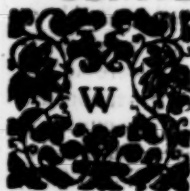
FROM THE
Officers of the Army in Scotland,
In Answer to the same.

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*A LETTER from some Officers of the
Army at Whitehall, to the Chief Officers
of the severall Regiments in Scotland,
With a Copie of their Agreement.*

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GENTLEMEN,



We are appointed by the General Council of Officers, to send you a Copie of their Agreement, which was consented unto, and resolved on Tuesday the Eighteenth of this Instant, which we accordingly herewith send you, it being likewise referred at the same time to this Committee, to take care that it be tendered to every respective Regiment, Troop, Company and Garrison, who shall be found free to sign the same: We have, in pursuance thereof, thought fit to send you thus inclosed, which we desire you to propose to all Officers and Souldiers under your Command, for the ends aforesaid; which being done, you are to return it with the Subscriptions, with all convenient speed, to the Lord Fleetwood, Commander in Chief.

The Peace and Unity of the Army being much concerned in the dispatch thereof, we doubt not but all care and diligence will be performed by you. We remain, Gentlemen,

Whitehall, O^bob. 19.

1659.

Your loving Brethren and

Fellow-Souldiers.

POSTSCRIPT.

It is desired that the Officers and Souldiers may sign together, of each respective Troop and Company; You are likewise to leave a large Margine equal with the Margine in the Print, so the end that the Subscriptions of the Army may be bound up together.

A Copy of the Agreement.



E being sensible of the sad condition which this Commonwealth is in danger daily to be brought into, through the various changes and alterations that have befallen us; And knowing that a Nation or an Army divided against it self, cannot long stand: And finding that many Attempts have of late been made upon us, to put us into distractions and divisions; and so far prevailed, as that nothing but the over-ruling power of the Lord of Hosts, was able to keep us from sheathing our Swords in one anothers bowels, and so delivering up our Countrey (for whose preservation we were at first raised), into the hands of the common Adversary, who gaped for such advantage. That we may no longer (if God permit) lay our selves open to such inconveniences, nor encourage the hopes and expectations of our Enemies. We are resolved, through the blessing of God, and we do heartily and freely agree together, to walk together in love, and due observance of our duties in our places, and not to suffer our selves (so far as God shall help us) to be divided or disjoynted, but to stand fixed as an united body in the prosecution of every good thing that the Providence of God shall call us forth unto, under the Conduct and Regulation following:

1. We do unanimously agree, consent and declare, That Lieutenant General *Charles Fleetwood* be, and is hereby declared and owned to be Commander in Chief of the Armies and Land-Forces of this Commonwealth, and have power to execute the said Office, both in respect of Conduct and Discipline, according to this present regulation, and the Laws and Customs of War; and that we will observe and obey such Orders and Directions as we shall receive from him, according to the Discipline of War, and good Government of an Armie.

2. We do agree, consent, and declare, That Major General *John Lambert* be, and is hereby declared to be Major General of the Armies of this Commonwealth, in *England* and *Scotland*.

3. We do agree, consent, and declare, That Major General *John Disbrow* be, and is hereby declared to be Commissary General of the Horse of the Armies of this Commonwealth in *England* and *Scotland*.

4. To

4. To the intent that no single Person whatsoever may have a power to debauch the Armies or Forces of this Commonwealth, or work them to any base or selyish interest, or render them serviceable to his lusts; We do hereby agree, consent, and declare, That Lieutenant General Fleetwood, Major General John Lambert, Commissary General John Disbrow, Sir Henry Vane, Lieutenant General Ludlow, and Colonel James Berry, or any four of them, be a Committee of Nominations, and have power to agree upon Officers for such vacancies as shall be in the Armies and Forces of this Commonwealth, from time to time; and such persons as shall be agreed upon, and certified under the Hands of any three of them, shall be by the Commander in Chief commissioned accordingly, and not otherwise.

5. That no Member of the said Committee of Nominations shall be removed from his place in the Committee, upon any pretence of Misdemeanor, or otherwise, but by a Tryal before a Court-Martial of Field-Officers, consisting of thirteen at the least, or by his own consent.

6. That as any Member of the said Committee shall die, or be removed as aforesaid, the said Committee, or any three of them, together with such Field-Officers as can conveniently be called together within ten days, being fourteen Field-Officers at the least, shall by the major Vote choose and appoint another person to supply that place; and the person so chosen, shall be certified under the Hands of the said major party aforesaid, and thereupon be enabled to act, and be deemed a Member of the said Committee of Nominations.

7. That men of courage, fearing God, of known fidelity and ability, and of good conversation, may be for the future admitted into places of Command and Trust in the Army; and that the Committee of Nominations do use their endeavour that such may be named and commissioned.

8. We do agree, consent, and declare, That no Officer or Souldier in the Armies and Land-Forces of this Commonwealth, shall be cashiered or dismissed from his Employment and Place in the Army, but by a legal Tryal before a Court-Martial, according to the Law Martial, and a Book of Articles agreed, or to be agreed on, and printed and published, that none may plead ignorance, or by his own consent, except in cases of Reductions or Disbanding.

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9. That the Discipline of the Army may be kept inviolable, and Justice administred by Court-Martial, for the punishment of wickedness and vice, and for the countenance and encouragement of Godliness and Virtue, that God may delight to dwell in our Camp, and his Work may prosper in our hands.

*A LETTER from the Officers of the Army
in Scotland, in Answer to a Letter from
some Officers at Whitehall.*

GENTLEMEN,



We have received your Letter of the Nineteenth Instant, With the inclosed printed Paper, containing nine Resolves, or Agreements, touching the Government of the Army. And to such of them we have returned you our distinct Answer; Hoping that if you shall find wee have reason and Conscience to plead for us (as we are verily of opinion we have) you will be so far from pressing Subscription of them upon us, that you will retract it your selves, or, out of Christian tenderness, to afford us such satisfaction as may endeavour us to joyn with you in it; Of which satisfaction, we acknowledge our selves as yet altogether destitute.

To the Preface We shall only say this, That we are as sensible of the distracted condition of this Commonwealth (to the grief of our souls we speak it) as any men living, and shall as heartily and freely endeavour to cement the same, and that with peculiar relation to those of the Army as well as of the Commonwealth; but whether the way you have propounded be warrantable by the Word of God, suitable to our Engagements, or competent to such an end, Our Answer to the several heads of your *Agreement* will sufficiently make manifest.

To

To the first, we say, and unanimously declare, That the Armies of these Nations (whereof we are a part) were raised by Authority of the present Parliament, for the defence of our Religion, the Laws and Liberties of our Nation, and Priviledges of Parliament; from that Authority we received our Commissions; to the defence thereof we are by sundry Vows and Engagements obliged (some of them of a very late date) your late Petition to them, and solemn acceptance of Commissions from them, are sufficient acknowledgments that to them belongeth the right of making a Commander in Chief, and other subordinate Officers, and therefore for us to usurp it, were a manifest breach of their acknowledged Priviledge, and a direct way to subject the Nation under an Arbitrary and Tyrannical Government, which is the abhorring of our souls, and against which we have hitherto with so happy success born Arms.

To the second and third, our Answer is the same.

To the fourth, fifth and sixth, Our Answer hath a necessary connexion with the Answer to the first, *viz.* That we cannot prescribe to the Parliament in this case, but shall readily submit to the method proposed, the same being allowed by Parliament, to whom we shall readily joyn our desire with you in this particular, Save that the Commissions be signed by the *Speaker*, Sir *Arthur Hassetrag*, and Generall *Monck* be of the Number of Commissioners for Approbation.

To the seventh, We agree it to be our desire, That none but godly Men, of Courage, Ability and good Conversation be admitted into Places of Trust in the Army.

To the eighth, We agree it to be our desire, That no Officer be displaced but by a Court Martial, so far as it relates to the Discipline of Warr, but not as it may be extended to the Abridgment of the Power of Parliament.

To the ninth, We agree it to be our desire, That the Discipline of the Army be kept inviolable, Justice administered, Godliness encouraged and all manner of Sin punished.

And although the tie of Conscience and Duty obliges us to dissent from you in sundry the forementioned Particulars (as the State of Affairs now stands) Yet we solemnly professe, that such our Dissent doth not proceed from any disrespect we bear to the Persons mentioned in Your Agreement ; We bear great honour and affection to most of them as Persons that have eminently asserted the Rights of their Country, countenanced Gospell, and been blest of God in so doing ; our only aim is, so to regulate the authority of such as we entrust in the Army, as that it be commensurate to the Government by a Commonwealth, in which (if yours and our solemn professions to God and Man be worthy of Credit) we cannot but agree and Remain,

Edinburgh,
O^c. 27.
1659.

*Your affectionate Friends
and Servants.*

For the Right Honourable the Lord Lambert,
and the rest of the Officers *Whithers*

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